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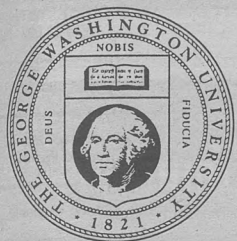
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Advocates testify on behalf of WETA

by Kati Gazella
Hatchet Staff Writer

Representatives from GW and WETA testified before the District's Zoning Commission Monday to promote plans for a new communications building on campus.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Vice President for the WETA relocation project Francine Trachtenberg both said the proposed building to house the public broadcasting station and GW's communications department would benefit the community. The proposed building would be at 21st and H streets, now a parking lot.

Whether the University can build the proposed facility depends on the commission's approval. If the commission rules against the plans, the University can draw up new plans and resubmit them.

The West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission ruled against the proposed facility Oct. 17 because "commercial zoning would be an intrusion into an area" meant for University use only, ANC Commissioner Edward Kelly said. The building would also exceed the height limits determined by the 1910 Building Height Act, Kelly said.

Engineers, architects and lawyers for GW and WETA said the proposed building does not violate the act because the two excessive feet would be occupied by studio lights. Such mechanical equipment is exempt from regular height requirements because it is considered part of a penthouse, project architect Adam Gross said.

The ANC is worried that this "loose interpretation of what constitutes a penthouse" could set a precedent for other buildings in the District, Kelly said.

Both Trachtenbergs argued that the University, WETA and the residents of Foggy Bottom would benefit from the building. "The WETA move will bring \$10 million each year to D.C.," President Trachtenberg said. He added that students and faculty members would also benefit from the access to new technology.

The joint operation will benefit educational interests in the whole city through increased interaction with the D.C. public schools and teacher training programs, Mrs. Trachtenberg said.

(See WETA, p. 10)

The Great Pumpkin



photo by Stefanii Rogers

Student Association members (from left) Scott Mory, Terrell Ringer and Christian Lilley decorate pumpkins for the GW hospital.

Season kickoff nixed for lack of planning

by Kynan Kelly
Hatchet Staff Writer

Students eager for a preview of GW's 1993-94 men's and women's basketball teams will not have "Midnight Madness" to look forward to, even though it was scheduled on some campus calendars for Halloween night.

The traditional format of Midnight Madness gives basketball fans an open invitation to watch the team's first official practice of the season.

The event was publicized even though it was never planned. It was listed in the 1993-94 planner distributed by Student and Academic Support Services and on the recyclable mugs distributed by the Office of Campus Life and GW Dining Services.

The practice was called "Midnight Madness Basketball Kickoff" in the planner and "GW Spirit Kickoff" on the mug. Both were printed during the summer and included a disclaimer stating the information and dates were tentative.

Helen Cannaday, assistant to Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak, said the idea was submitted to the Office of Campus Activities, men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis and others, but a definite decision was never communicated back.

The planning stages were delayed, no working committee was formed and the informal plans were tabled as a possibility for next year.

Chernak "is always eager to bring the campus community together," Cannaday said. "It was a nice idea in theory."

Amy Greenwald, who was in charge of publishing the planner for SASS, said the date had been included because "there was big talk around the campus and from Campus Activities about the event during" the printing period.

When the Office of Campus Life was planning events for the semester, Chernak said there were many activities being considered, such as Family Weekend and Colonial Inauguration, and Midnight Madness never got started.

The plan elicited mixed responses from Jarvis and women's basketball head coach Joe McKeown. While they agreed the event and its timing were not in the players' best interests, their opinions about the concept itself diverged.

(See MADNESS, p. 9)

GW doctors clone 1st human embryos

by Maher Jafari
and
Elissa Leibowitz
Hatchet Staff Writers

GW Medical Center researchers who successfully cloned a human embryo said they are not surprised by the attention their research is receiving nationally or by the ethical debate the project has sparked.

Jerry L. Hall, laboratory director for GW's In Vitro Fertilization Programs, successfully cloned abnormal human embryos that replicated for six days. Cloning has been achieved with animal embryos, but scientists have never cloned human embryos before Hall's work.

The research initially began in order to help treat infertile couples, Hall said at a press conference Monday. It was approved by GW's two research ethic committees and by the American Fertility Society.

"We found they developed in what appeared to be a normal manner even though they were chromosomally abnormal," Hall said.

He called the revolutionary project "just one small step" in helping infertile couples. "We are a long distance from being able to apply this to normal embryos," Hall said.

The project has sparked considerable debate on the ethics of such ventures and has gained widespread media attention since the study was first reported in The New York Times Sunday.

GW Professor of Medical Humanities Kenneth Schaffner, who deals with ethics in medicine, said the debate is becoming sensationalized. Many bioethicists have said the research could lead to human mass-production, the creation of twins years apart or humans developed just for spare organs.

"What people have done is take a research technology in the early stages and essentially turned it into full-blown cloning — something you would see in a science fiction story," he said. These experts have "gone overboard" by saying this research is a threat to individuality, Schaffner said.

Hall said he did not intend to implant these embryos into any recipients or to see how long they would develop.

Both Hall and Robert Stillman, program director of GW's In Vitro Fertilization Programs, said they would not continue this research because of the ethical implications involved.

"The interest this has generated and the debate . . . will decide whether or not it is appropriate for others to undertake this with normal embryos," Stillman said.

(See CLONE, p. 8)

Officials considering fee for Colonials fans

Administrators seek input on proposals

by Paul Connolly
Editor in Chief

GW officials are considering several proposals to charge students attending men's basketball home games, as well as seeking input on these proposals, an administrator said late Wednesday.

"It's not a revenue question," Robert Chernak, vice president for Student and Academic Support Services, said of the proposal, which would charge admission for the 1,700 student seats available at the Smith Center. "We want the best flexibility" for students who want to reserve a ticket and to minimize the number of people turned away or waiting in long lines before a game, he said.

There are three options now under consideration. One is to hold reserved seating only for Dog Pound members, who pay \$40 for choice seats and vari-

ous perks, and allow other students in for free.

A second proposal is to charge a flat fee, probably around \$10, for guaranteed admission to lower-level bleacher seating. This plan would give nonpaying students those seats left unfilled after tip-off.

A third plan would be to sell tickets to individual games.

The idea was discussed at a Tuesday morning SASS staff meeting, he said. On Thursday, Chernak said he will discuss options with Student Association leaders, administrators and the Board of Trustees.

"There will not be a tax on spirit on GW," SA President Scott Adams told a Wednesday night SA Senate meeting. It's "an anti-student move by the administration."

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Credits: 3, Instructors: Elliott, Lewis
Monday/Wednesday, 11:00-12:15 pm, Funger 208

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Facets of Islamic civilization, including the defining features of the Islamic tradition and the history within which it has unfolded. The diversity within the Islamic community will be considered, especially in its encounter with modernity. For undergraduates; open to graduate students.

Credits: 3, Instructor: Khoury
Tuesday/Thursday, 2:00-3:15 pm, Phillips T109

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Credits: 3, Instructor: Schaffner
Wednesday, 4:10-6:00 pm, Rome T201

Cnsl 701 Counseling Latino Populations

Theory and practice of cross-cultural counseling as it applies to Latino populations. For graduate students; open to qualified undergraduates with permission of the instructor.

Credits: 3, Instructor: Garcia
Tuesday, 4:10-6:00 pm, Rome T201

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The course provides students with an overview of the scope of the event management industry. Students will gain professional skills needed for successful event management. For graduate students; open to qualified undergraduates.

Credits: 3, Instructor: Delpy
Monday, 8:10-10:00 pm, Building K 105

Soc/PSc/IAFF 751 Central and Eastern European Societies in Transition

A study of societies of Central and Eastern Europe with emphasis on the transition from Communist rule. Topics include the influence of political and economic changes on social structure and the application of theories of social change to the study of developments in the region.

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Credits: 3, Instructors: Tropea, MacIntosh
Thursday, 6:10-8:00 pm, Phillips T111

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High-level programming languages and hypermedia in design of instruments for the assessment and enhancement of interpersonal communication; review of representative software; theory of development and selection of devices for augmentative communication. For graduate students; open to qualified undergraduates. Prerequisite: SPHR 119 or equivalent.

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Wednesday, 4:10-6:00 pm, Funger 417

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Selected psychological and social factors related to physical activity. Influence of psychological components on behavior and methods for addressing these factors in exercise and sports. Prerequisite: PSYCH 1 or equivalent.

For graduate students; open to qualified undergraduates.
Credits: 3, Instructor: Sullivan
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Credits: 3, Instructors: Glover, Hartline, Yeide
Tuesday, 5:10-7:00 pm, Ross 117

IAFF/PSc 770 Turbulence in World Politics

An effort to probe the sources and dynamics of change and continuity in local, national, and international affairs. The links between the orientations of individuals and the actions of collectivities are a major focus, along with the foundations of authority under transformative conditions. For graduate students; open to upper-level undergraduates.

Credits: 3, Instructor: Rosenau
Monday, 2:00-3:50 pm, Gelman 502

IAFF/PSc 752 The Rise and Transformation of the American National Security State

As a result of U.S. superpower responsibilities since World War II, we have seen the growth of nuclear weapons, intelligence institutions, and a conflict model of international relations. These forces, augmented by internal, economic need, have changed the United States into a national security state. The course explores the character of that state, its history, the adjustment to new conditions, and the process of dismantlement. For graduate students; open to upper-level undergraduates with permission of the instructor.

Credits: 3, Instructor: Raskin
Tuesday, 4:10-6:00 pm, Funger 613

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Credits: 3, Instructor: Miller
Monday, 4:10-6:00 pm, Gelman 622A

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GW launches new sports forum

Sports management program would benefit athletes, ex-player says

by David Joyner
Hatchet Reporter

A former professional athlete announced Tuesday the creation of the nation's first sports-related marketing program at GW.

Stedman Graham, a former basketball player from the European Basketball League and the founder of Athletes Against Drugs, will serve as the director of the GW Forum for Sport and Special Event Management and Marketing.

The program would give interested athletes educational background to hold jobs in the sports industry, Graham said at a press conference held in the Smith Center.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said there is a need to develop programs to broaden athletes' careers after their athletic days are over.

Housed in the School of Education and Human Development's International Institute for Tourism Studies, the forum will develop a graduate-level curriculum in the field of sport and special event management. The forum will also make periodical and audio-visual resources available to students, scholars and the general public.

Lisa Delpy, assistant professor of Sports Management and Marketing, said the department would consist of advisers and experts from the field. Delpy, also a faculty adviser, said the advisory group would hold its first meeting in January.

Graham said the fund raising goal for the forum is \$3

million. Delpy said funds would be raised from professional leagues, companies and teams in the sports industry.

The forum plans to fund a distinguished faculty endowment and provide scholarship aid to students in the field. It would also provide employment opportunities in the field through internships, referrals and mentor programs for students.

"There are going to be a lot of eyebrows raised throughout the community and this country over the next 15 years," SEHD Dean Peter Smith said. He said many students are already interested in the program.

Delpy said about 100 sports management programs exist in the country, but GW's is the first to include marketing. Delpy added that Washington gives students internship access to a variety of professional sports teams and marketing firms.

Graham said the GW program is "to be the prototype for schools and universities across the country." Graham said he "has a vision to take the idea to United Negro College Fund schools to assist them in developing programs of their own."

He also stressed the need to provide necessary training skills for minorities and women. But, Graham said, the forum has "nothing to do with color and everything to do with skills." Graham added that "race is not even an issue."

GW now offers sports management courses at the undergraduate level as well as sport and special event marketing and management concentrations within the graduate program.

Marvin Center cleared after fire

Authorities evacuated several hundred people from the Marvin Center Tuesday evening after a fire broke out in a first-floor kitchen, a fire department spokesman said.

The fire started in the grease ducts of a deep-fryer in the Market Square shortly after 5 p.m. Several fire engines and ambulances responded, and the fire was put out within 20 minutes, D.C. Fire Department spokesman Carlos Ambino said.

Marvin Center Director Steven Sitrin said there were no injuries, and the damage was minimal.

Market Square remained closed for the rest of the night. It reopened at 11 a.m. Wednesday after passing a health inspection.

-Douglas Parker

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The God complex?

Researchers at the GW Medical Center took a bold and brave step this week by successfully cloning human embryos. Their announcement was greeted with protests, though, that claimed this is the first step to the lab-controlled reproduction of Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*. Bioethicists and the general public need to recognize this achievement for what it truly is: a preliminary measure.

The breakthrough raises many important ethical questions, but the doctors made the premeditated decision to halt research so the public could weigh its merits. They are carefully considering each move, not scheming diabolically behind closed doors.

At the same time, society needs to take the time to fully explore the implications of the issue. The problems of how to use the cloned embryos lies right behind the sensationalistic rantings of some experts. Does this constitute humans playing God? Supported or not, these views should not be trivialized. A thorough examination is necessary.

Within this debate, though, we cannot forget the nature of scientific discovery. Many times research is conducted for the advancement of one scientific field, but applications appear for others in the process. Human cloning could clear the way for further understanding of the building blocks of life and how they influence disease and human development, as well as help infertile couples have children.

The biotechnology field faced many of these same questions during the 1980s. People feared that similar tinkering could unleash some uncontrollable plague. But after a period of careful research, testing and regulation, biotechnology became an accepted industry providing many low-cost, low-risk solutions to many medical problems. Cloning advocates should keep in mind that success depends on addressing all of their opponents' concerns and proving a project's worth beyond doubt.

Scientific breakthroughs usually bring up more questions than they answer. Fear of the unknown can develop irrational Luddism, paving the way for a return to the Dark Ages. Yet the world is still far from deliberate sabotage of science or the rise of Huxley's vision. GW's research is just a start, one that we should not waste.

Sheer madness

Ever since the last second of the GW-University of Michigan Sweet Sixteen men's basketball game, everyone at GW has anxiously awaited the start of the 1993-94 basketball season. As the Colonials and the Colonial Women jumped to the big time, some administrators wanted to take a page from many other top basketball programs and bring Midnight Madness here to kick off the season. Despite the good intentions, the administration torpedoed its own efforts through irresponsible planning and lack of communication, something that should be no surprise to the community.

The idea does have merit, especially with the spotlight basketball is gaining here. To make the plan reality, however, everyone needed the support of men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis, who has always expressed his opposition to Midnight Madness. Even though administrators never made definite plans, which were later tabled completely, GW still publicized the effort on calendars and mugs and in student handbooks as if they received the green light.

This event serves as a plain example of one hand of the University doing something without the knowledge of the other. At the start of this week, many in the athletic department and some students still believed the event was on. The people who originally publicized this event never bothered to tell the community that Midnight Madness was just a passing thought and not a reality at GW.

If the University cannot take the time to communicate its intentions with the basketball program, should we expect anything different in GW's dealings with departments, parents or even students? This series of events shows how important communication is and how badly the University needs to improve its efforts, both internally and externally. Remember the so-called lockout fee debacle?

The failure is a losing proposition on all fronts. The students lose the chance to see the Colonials before regular action starts. The athletic department loses its faith in the administration, which comes out looking like a bumbling bureaucracy. Even a nationally ranked basketball team cannot dispel that image.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Zoned out

I am absolutely outraged about the D.C. zoning board's treatment of Western Presbyterian Church. As I understand it, the board is making it difficult for the church to get zoning for Miriam's Kitchen at its new location under construction.

As the GW community knows well, Miriam's feeds homeless people by the hundreds every day. Having worked there when I was an undergraduate, I know it to be one of the most effective feeding programs in Washington. It is also a wonderful place for people of faith to show their love of God and neighbor by doing something as simple as scrambling some eggs or pouring a cup of coffee.

I live in this neighborhood, and I want Western Presbyterian Church to keep serving the hungry at Miriam's Kitchen. Some of our neighbors want Miriam's closed because they fear it would attract homeless street people. It is a classic case of the "Not In My Back Yard" syndrome. What has society come to when a church is treated like a prison, a garbage landfill or a toxic waste dump by a small group of shortsighted neighbors?

Destroying this facility, which is

exactly what is going on, is not only immoral but irrational. It is not in the community's best interest. There is nothing to gain by letting homeless people go hungry. And there is everything to gain if the church and the state can come to a reasonable compromise.

I ask this community to write to the mayor, the D.C. Council and the zoning board to let our elected officials know that the majority of this community love Miriam's. Please tell this city government to leave the church alone and let them do the work this city is incapable of doing itself.

-Tony Palermo

It's all Greek to me

My disgust with Greek-letter organizations and the whole idea of purchasing friends was renewed Tuesday evening when a swarm of chatting Sigma Delta Tau sisters caused me to leave the fifth-floor study room in Gelman library.

Not only was I forced to relocate despite the pressing need to study for a midterm, but the Gelman staff did nothing to remedy the situation except offer a petition to sign. Several students did sign the complaint while others

stormed off in search of a quieter place to work.

This aggravating situation shouldn't be facing students who want to exercise their right to excel in the academic subjects that they pay thousands of dollars for. If the administration gives two figs about the University's academic standing as they claim to, then they would phase out the ridiculous Greek-letter system or else ban sororities and fraternities from their disruptive social uses of the library.

-Samara Habib

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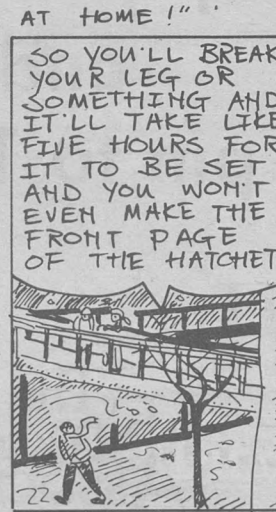
In response to Cris Parrino's ("Speaking Up," Oct. 25, p. 4) and Craig Field's ("Safety Redux," Oct. 25, p. 4) letters, we agree that not all fraternity members are harassers or rapists. Rapes do however happen in fraternity houses as well as residence halls, apartments and other campus buildings. We are particularly concerned with fraternities because of their imminent involvement in the campus escort service, as stated in Christina Lim's and Kathleen Guidroz's original letter ("Safe from Safety," Oct. 21, p. 4).

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OPINION

Leadership vision is same old thing for SA executive vice president

Paul Hamilton's visionary call for a "new type of student leadership" should be cause for concern by any student who values true vision or genuine leadership. Hamilton's recent essay was particularly troublesome for two reasons. One, his ideas are the farthest thing from new, and two, his current position in the Student Association allegedly lacks the very kind of leadership he seeks to promote. The egregious misrepresentations in Hamilton's article, as well as the general dissatisfaction with his leadership of the SA Senate, cannot simply pass without comment.

Jon Tarnow

At first glance, the idea for a comprehensive gathering of all student organization leaders in a regular and structured forum, a Student Leadership Advisory Council, sounds like a good idea. However, when any sensible and experienced student leader gives the idea a serious thought, inherent problems arise.

It is certainly doubtful that anything productive can be achieved from a gathering of 200 people or more that cannot be accomplished by the SA president and executive vice president simply meeting with smaller groups of various organization leaders at regular intervals. I know that many organization leaders are skeptical, but this idea actually works.

Similarly, by simply keeping your office door open and being visible to the student body, communication will naturally happen. Any organization leader should be able to walk into the SA office and be heard (or at least arrange a meeting). Hamilton's idea for a regular, large assembly strikes me as unwillingness to meet regularly on the individual level. Perhaps he has been spending too much time with other campus governments and city administrators to sit with those who elected him.

Furthermore, the idea for a gathering of student organization leaders was soundly rejected two years ago by both student organization leaders and the student body. In his campaign for EVP in the spring of 1992, then-Columbian College Sen. Jason Ford supported the SA Senate becoming a house of representatives. This would have been created in the identical manner that Hamilton proposes for his visionary council.

Not only did most student groups realize the ineffective nature of this proposal, but The GW Hatchet doubted that enough interested students could be found to "make (Ford's) house stand." When a similar idea was suggested by the SA leadership at the 1992 VIVA, sentiments had not changed in the slightest. Surely our current EVP isn't basing his bold leadership on ideas soundly rejected just two years ago.

On the issue of SA finances and his proposed rollover idea, Hamilton again misrepresents history in an attempt to sustain his political rhetoric. Since everyone agrees that the annual spring spending frenzy is wasteful (and every student organization has done this at least once), the SA and the Program Board have tried to change this for several years. This idea

even reached the Board of Trustees two years ago, but the fiscal structures of the administration have yet to meet our demands.

Perhaps greater effort is needed, but for Hamilton to claim the idea as his own is ludicrous. Some might call it fraud. Because of a static budget and increased funding demands with more student groups, the amount of money available per student group decreases each year. Therefore, does it make sense to further reduce that annual fund by another \$7,000? Is Hamilton willing to tell student organizations that a speaker won't be paid or a program won't be funded because we need to invest for future GW students who haven't left high school yet? I certainly hope that he has more vision than this.

OK, so Hamilton's ideas are just failed notions of the past. Perhaps it is unfair to expect a junior to know what happened two or three years ago. After all, Hamilton has never held an office in the SA before this year. He's new to student government at GW and new to campus leadership. Yet, in Hamilton's article, he specifically calls for "a new type of student leadership at GW."

Wait a minute, he is new leadership. Hamilton was elected, campus-wide at that, to be the new leadership he is now seeking. To anyone who has taken a political science course, this hypocrisy can only mean one thing — he's running for a new office. SA president, perhaps?

Hamilton's lack of focus is clear from the little interest he has given the Senate, the branch he was elected to lead. In the past two months, five separate senators have approached me, independent of one another, and complained about his lack of leadership. Although I have yet to sit in on a meeting this year, current insiders tell me it has returned to its circus-like atmosphere of years past. Perhaps I should pay a visit to confirm this.

Has Hamilton scheduled a regular meeting of the committee chairs as was done last year? It was extremely helpful in reducing the usual political grandstanding. Ideas like this may deserve the adjective "bold" simply because they've never been done before. Yet it seems Hamilton found this sensible idea to be less than his definition of visionary. Our current EVP is apparently more concerned with political rhetoric and his future campaigns than fostering a student legislature that functions effectively.

In general, Hamilton has seemed to forget the primary role of the EVP: to organize and lead the student senate. He or she should represent the ideas of the senate to the executive branch and University administration before engaging in personal political activities. Unfortunately, we now have an EVP that treats these issues as secondary to Washington politics and running for his next campus office.

Because of the above concerns, I must question Hamilton's dedication to the job he sought and was elected to do. With the SA Senate suffering from internal dissatisfaction, his performance can be assessed as less than satisfactory. Clearly his ideas are nothing close to visionary, bold or even new. However, perhaps students should agree with one of Hamilton's ideas: a new type of student leadership is needed. Let's begin with a more dedicated and focused EVP.

Jon Tarnow was Student Association executive vice president and president during 1992-93. He is now a first-year student at the National Law Center.

TV news should end its zeal for violence

The camera pans from the bloody corpse of a shooting victim to a close-up of his grief-stricken mother. Friends, neighbors and family try to comfort and restrain her as the camera shifts again to show the coroner zipping the body bag closed and hoisting it into a hearse.

A scene from *Boyz in the Hood* or the latest NBC "Movie of the Week?"

Two gun-toting men in baseball caps jump over the counter of a jewelry store, shoot the clerk and scramble to their getaway car while hundreds of thousands of people watch it on a screen.

A clip from "Cops" or "Hunter" perhaps?

Paul Connolly

No way. These are just a couple of visuals that have appeared on Washington television news in the past few weeks. Flip on the tube at 6 or 11 p.m. and you will see the violence, blood and mayhem that seems to be staining our streets red. Car-jacking here, drive-by shooting there. It seems no matter when or where someone kills, maims or threatens another human being, WRC, WUSA and others are right on the heels of the action, cameras in hand.

Admittedly, they are journalists pursuing the story. They have a responsibility to the public to report the news, even if it is about the ugly, repulsive side of humanity. The graphic image of a shooting or stabbing tells the story like no printed word in The Washington Post or Washington Times can.

However, there is a line between television journalism that depicts violence for its news value and television journalism that depicts violence for its entertainment value. The Washington television media have crossed that line.

In a time when everyone from U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to television watchdog groups are telling lawmakers that something must be done about prime-time violence, little has been said about local — and sometimes national — news that would be rated "X" for the violence if the Motion Picture Association of America ever got its hands on it. Few seem to care that sometimes there are more blood and bodies during the 5 to 7 p.m. news marathon than the 8 to 11 p.m. prime-time slot.

Any reporter on the crime beat can tell you about the freelance cameramen who sit in their cars all night listening to their police scanner so they can get to a crime scene, tape it, then sell the footage to local news channels. The TV stations air the carnage, seemingly with disregard for its possible offensiveness to family viewers or those with weak stomachs.

Journalists everywhere, including this one, would cry foul over government regulation or a professional

ethics code that would prevent showing graphic violence on television. However, the electronic media should take a step back and examine the images they are broadcasting.

In America, gun fights and violence rank right up there with hot dogs and apple pie. We are a society that not only tends to shrug at violence, we pay money to see it at the movies. Bloodshed on TV news only perpetuates this culture of violence. TV news, when gratuitously showing us actual violence for shock and ratings, does not serve its viewers. It does not tell the story. It dehumanizes us, hardens us, makes us care a little less each time.

Sure, the first few times you see John Doe lying in a puddle of murky, red blood just down the road, you wince. But after a while, the images just seem to blend together. The story is always the same, just different faces. And those faces have come to represent not individuals, but a humanity that is being desensitized to the world around them. Does the TV news look much different from violent movies and prime-time programs? More often than not, no.

There's also the callousness of it all. We can't expect TV reporters to sit idly by as a violent incident occurs in our community. But we can expect them to have a heart when reporting about it. Watching a TV reporter stick their microphone in a grieving person's face and asking, "Your wife was just shot three times in the back of the head at point blank range 10 minutes ago. How do you feel?" is useless. We all know how she feels, and butting in on such a horrific, personal moment perpetuates the stereotype of the cynical, heartless journalist. And it doesn't make the griever feel any better.

Violence on the news also creates a fearful society. If we assumed that the nightly news was a fair portrayal of everyday life, we would all stay locked up in our homes all day and night. The media feeding frenzy over violence — special reports like the "NBC Nightly News" segment called "America Under Siege" — paint the picture of a society wilder than the Old West. Indeed, the ludicrous acts of violence that are shown on television are real, but are they overemphasized? D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly called for help from the National Guard after the media circus with Washington violence in the center ring when there are countless other cities with more murder and drugs than the nation's capital. How many of those other cities have called up the Guard to fight crime, and how many have a local TV media that hype and dramatize the crime beat?

So rather than drive violence into our brains so much that we feel indifferent, and rather than treating personal tragedy like a Hollywood script, television news reporters and producers should be more sensitive and tactful. Don't let the story slip by or be downplayed, but do spare us the excessive carnage that already plagues the airwaves.

Paul Connolly is editor in chief of The GW Hatchet.

More Letters

(NIGHT, from p. 4)

Because of this concern, we would like to personally invite all fraternity members to our Take Back the Night rally and men's workshop on the H Street Terrace of the Marvin Center Thursday at 7:30 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to increase communication

between men and women and for future escorts to listen to women's concerns about violence against women.

The point of Take Back the Night is not to bash men, but to empower women. It is an opportunity for us to share and speak out against the violence we face on the streets, on dates, in class-


rooms and in our homes. It is imperative for men to be involved because in the end, only men can stop rape.

Jill Kelner, Naomi Tsu, Rachel Graves, Naomi Fieldman, Kate Fitzgerald and Marcey Standish members, Wimmings' Issues Now

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Red Cross reorganizes drives

New University committee designed to boost student participation

by Erin McLaughlin
Hatchet Staff Writer

The American Red Cross has reconstructed the way it runs campus blood drives, with the University forming a committee in response.

This week's blood drive, cosponsored by the Red Cross and several students groups, marked the first of three large drives on campus. In the past, the Red Cross held a blood drive in a different residence hall each month, Red Cross supervisor Bonnie Granek said.

At least 10 student organizations helped the Red Cross collect 73 pints of blood on Monday. Tuesday's and Wednesday's tallies have not been counted, but the Red Cross hoped to raise 385 pints, Granek said.

The new committee, headed by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg

and joined by representatives from other area colleges, was formed to help fill a gap in the Chesapeake / Potomac Red Cross's blood supply, Granek said.

Georgetown, American, George Mason and Catholic universities and Northern Virginia Community College are all a part of the committee.

The local Red Cross branch is consistently 35,000 units short of what it needs, Granek said.

Students said they feel good about donating. "Giving blood just seemed like a proper Halloween kind of thing to do," junior donor Kathleen Egan said.

"I've given six times in the last two years. (The drive) being here makes it easier and more convenient," College Republican membership director Carolyn Hall said, adding that "one pint can save nine lives."

The CRs and College Democrats held a competition to see who could get the most people to donate blood. Jeff Day, blood drive organizer for the CRs, and Philippe Roth, the CDs' blood drive organizer, came up with the idea for the competition, Day said.

"We didn't get as many people as we'd hoped because of midterms," Roth said Tuesday.

"I think we are doing very well, but I am sure a little bit more organization will make next semester's even better," Day said Tuesday.

The results of the competition will be available later this week.

The Office of Community Service, Residence Hall Association, International Student Society, Circle K, Alpha Phi Omega, Black Peoples' Union, Panhellenic Association and WRGW AM also contributed to this year's drive.

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IMPRESSIONS

British and Irish pop stars work toward *Peace Together*

by Jefferson Jaynes

What do Irish and British superstars have in common? Violence, death and bigotry. Robert Hamilton of the Fat Lady Sings and Ali McMordie of Stiff Little Fingers took it upon themselves to help educate and erase some of that hatred through music.

Their efforts have resulted in a single, an album and three simultaneous concerts to benefit the children of Northern Ireland. The album — "Peace Together" (Island) — showcases well known artists like Peter Gabriel, Sinead O'Connor, Pop Will Eat Itself, Curve with Ian Dury and U2 featuring Lou Reed.

All money will go to a trust fund to support programs like the Northern Irish Children's Holiday Schemes, which gathers 40 Catholic and Protestant teenagers for a trip to neutral ground where they learn about each another away from imposed prejudices.

Hamilton said in a telephone interview that the inspiration for his project came when Ali McMordie gave him a tour of his hometown Dublin. McMordie showed Hamilton both the Catholic and Protestant sectors, and as the tour progressed, they realized neither knew what religion the other was. As you can guess, one was Catholic (McMordie) and one was Protestant (Hamilton).

J.J.: Are the divisions that clear in Ireland?

Hamilton: Oh, and it becomes even more clear! The

saddest thing in Northern Ireland is where there used to be areas that were Catholic and Protestant — they are becoming fewer and fewer.

J.J.: Did you encounter any problems putting the album together?

Hamilton: Plenty. We have standard filing cabinets in the office full of different ways to say "no." But I can assure you that anyone who buys that album, 100 percent of the proceeds will go to one of the programs like the Northern Irish Children's Holiday Schemes. The future is theirs, not ours, because in 200 years I will not be here. But their children will.

J.J.: Do you really believe children hold that much prejudice against each other?

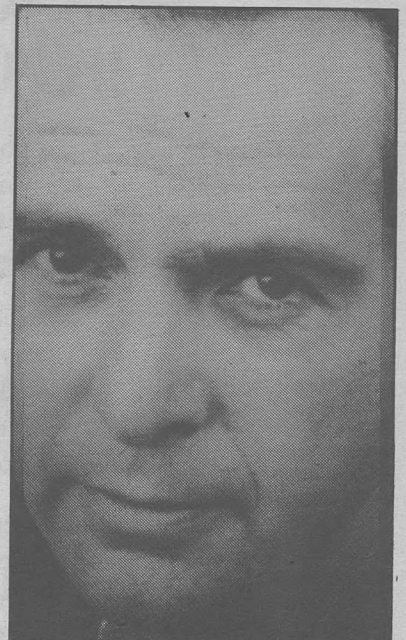
Hamilton: When they get together they are just as prejudiced as adults. They call each other names, but it's just in the same light. It's the same way they feel at a football match. Unfortunately, six or seven years later it means much worse. Put them together and let them learn about one another. The programs help about 400 children every year.

I accept all the criticism (of the album). I accept the album is not the album of the year, but it could be the album of a lifetime.

If the music isn't appealing (or, as Hamilton said, "isn't sexy enough,") you can still send donations to: *Peace Together, Fourth Floor, 93 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7TY, UK.*



Sinead O'Connor



Peter Gabriel

Squeeze's sound echos of Some Fantastic Place

by Mark Esposito

The British pop band Squeeze has returned to its pop roots with *Some Fantastic Place*.

The new album, Squeeze's 12th in 15 years, marks Paul Carrack's reunion with the band. Carrack left in the '80s to sing with Mike and the Mechanics. The album also features the addition of drummer Pete Thomas (formerly of Elvis Costello and the Attractions).

The band, known for such hits as "Pulling Mussels (From The Shell)," "Tempted," "Up The Junction" and "Another Nail in My Heart" has once again provided a fresh glimpse into something all of us know — the ups and downs of relationships and love. Rather than using crazy sounds or huge choruses, the band

simply sat down in an industrial workshop in Blackheath, England, and hammered out an album that has been tempered by years of musical and experiences.

The title track is in memory of Paul's former girlfriend, Maxine, who died earlier this year. She encouraged Paul to contact Glenn Difford in 1973 when Glenn put an ad in a tobacconist's window for band members. Three of the best tracks on the album are "It's Over" — about a boyfriend explaining that his old relationship is over (with an Elvis Costello influenced background), "Loving You Tonight" — very much like "Tempted" but with a jazzy piano and "Cold Shoulder."

Squeeze will perform at Lisner Auditorium Oct. 29 at 8 p.m.

Faculty jams freely for fun every Friday

by Brian Wallace

The bass droned in a low note, then the piano, electric guitar and drums built in intensity from a few scattered notes to a crashing tidal wave of sound. This was "free" jazz.

Contrary to popular thought, the name has nothing to do with money but denotes a specific type of jazz music that is "free" of the normal structure of music, like rhythm, harmony and form. "Free jazz" was the topic of discussion Oct. 15 at the music department's jazz lab jam session held each Friday at noon in Phillips Hall, room B-120.

Each week this semester since Sept. 17, the members of the George Washington jazz faculty (John Albertson — guitar, Jim Levy — keyboards, Ricky Loza — percussion and David Marsh — bass) have hosted a lab focusing on a different aspect or genre of jazz, which they talk about and give examples of. Later, in each session, members of the audience (most of whom bring their instruments) get up and sit in, playing jazz standards from charts. The faculty members then offer constructive criticism.

The core purpose of the sessions is for

the "education and experience of the students involved" and to get students interacting with members of the community, Marsh explains. The labs are open to the public, and on the first Friday of each month, a local musician comes in as a guest artist. Rather than have a guest artist every week, Marsh says the faculty members decided to "draw from our own influences and give the students a diversity of experiences."

The jam sessions are an interactive learning experience that "offers students the opportunity to ask questions about something they've just heard," says professor James Levy, who started the sessions in 1986.

He also says one of the key purposes is "to give students the chance to see how the music's performed." The emphasis on both seeing as well as hearing the music is so students can associate what they hear with the physical motion involved in playing the notes.

"The jam session is an American institution," Levy says, and the music faculty wants to keep them friendly and open. He encourages members of the community to just come by and listen. After all, part of the learning experience is to play in front of people.



So who's the Monster Magnet here?

This All Hallows Eve, be a monster, a magnet or a monster magnet. Or just go see Monster Magnet when they trip through the 9:30 Club with local crunchers, Clutch.

Dressed only in hallucinations of mind-blowing, acid-induced hard rock, wah-wah peddles and psychedelic mayhem, Jon Kleiman, Dave Wyndorf, Ed Mundell and Joe Calandra (left to right) won't end the evening without disclosing their opinion. Are they the monster magnet... or are we?

-Sarah Western

Seattle grungers gleam

by Chris Parker

The new album is not titled. The name of the band is not even capitalized on the cover. Who the hell do these guys think they are?

Only the best band to spring forth from the grunge capital of the world, Seattle. And the band in question would be Pearl Jam. Its new album (Epic), not titled in time for its first release, jams.

No song on the album slacks — they all make you want to listen and try to derive meaning. From "Go," the opener, to the last song, "Indifference," coolness surrounds you.

Pearl Jam flows on "Elderly Woman Behind The Counter In A Small Town," an acoustic guitar and vocal song with a descriptive title and a haunting feel.

The album is not a rehashing of the same songs on *Ten* or on the soundtrack to the film *Singles*. These songs are new and they are freshly original.

If you buy the album on CD, you will have a choice of Eco Pak or jewel box. This Eco Pak is sturdier than past ones that were folded over cardboard. Unfortunately it is hard and annoying to open.

The band did not name the album when it went to press for the first printing, but for the second printing, it will bear the title *VS*. This means all the first printings could become collectors items... so even though the cover is weird (a sheep trying to break through a fence with its mouth), remember it's what is inside the album that matters.

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Schaffner said he agrees with the doctors. "They are right to want to stand back," he said.

"It is mandatory that research in this area receives the proper ethical review in scientific, medical and political arenas," said George Gasparis, director of the Office of Human Research.

However, Medical School Student Council President Atul Grover said that the doctors have taken an unfair beating from the press. "They are scientists, and they have a responsibility to seek advancements in their field as well as be honest with the public," Grover said.

Grover acknowledged that the bioethicists' arguments are valid. "Anything that takes us further is obviously going to make things more complicated. Anytime you have a discovery having to do with the funda-

mentals of human life you're going to have a very sticky situation," he said. Stillman also recognized criticism from the Vatican, which denounced the research Sunday as "intrinsically perverse."

But he said this research simply replicates what occurs naturally in nature except that it used abnormal embryos. "Twinning and triplets do occur naturally, and this is all we were doing. So I'm not sure how a difference could be construed," Stillman said.

He said the same ethical questions arose when researchers in the 1970s first worked with in vitro fertilization and when doctors began freezing embryos.

Father Bob Keffer, from GW's Newman Catholic Student Center, acknowledged the Catholic Church's opposition to artificial reproduction, but said he hopes the debate starts an ethical dialogue. "We need to look at the implications of this kind of experiment," Keffer said.

An anonymous group is advertising a protest of the research for 11 a.m. Thursday at the Foggy Bottom Metro station.

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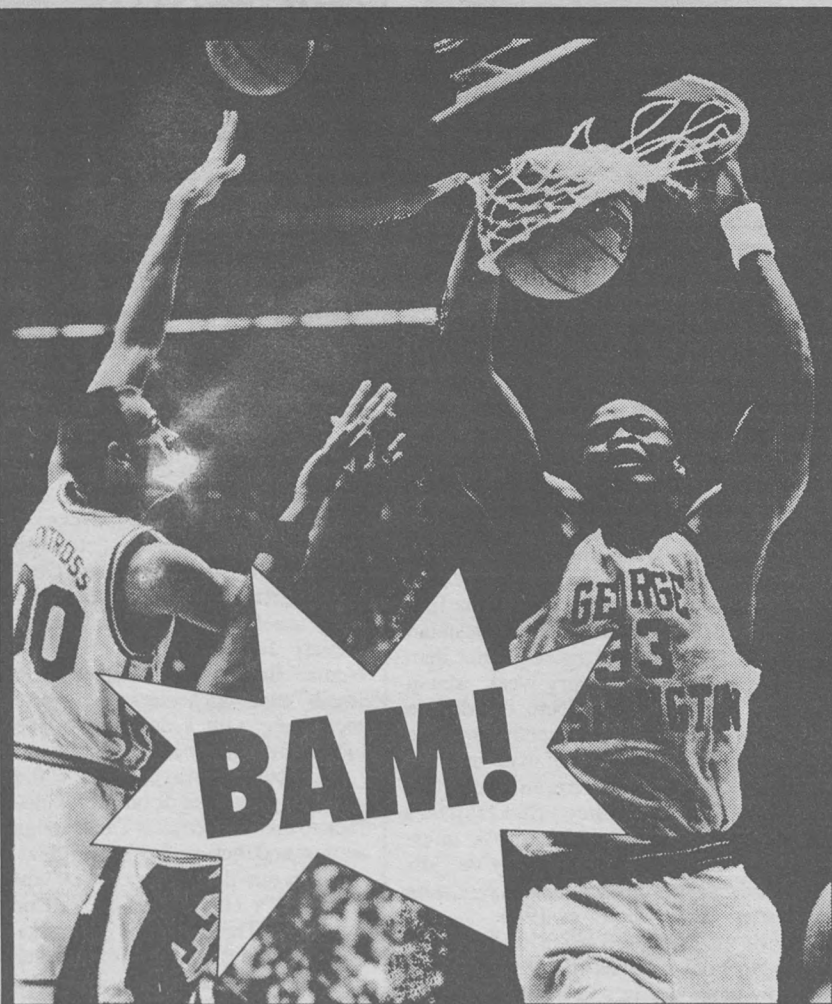
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Gore's mother in good condition

Vice President Gore's mother was admitted to the GW Hospital Sunday after suffering a stroke, according to a statement from Gore's office. Pauline Gore, 81, suffered a stroke that left her with impaired peripheral vision in her left eye, the statement said. She is listed in good condition, Gore's office said.

Gelman to mark anniversary

Gelman Library will celebrate its 20th anniversary Thursday at 5 p.m. with a reception in the building's first floor lobby. Estelle Gelman, wife of Melvin Gelman, will be honored for her support of the library. Men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis, women's basketball head coach Joe McKeown and their teams will also participate in a cake cutting ceremony. The Friends of the University Libraries will also present the library with a commemorative gift.

-Jennifer Batog and Elissa Leibowitz

Madness

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Jarvis said he did not support exhibiting his team at a midnight practice. "I prefer to bring the players along slowly for everyone's benefit instead of risking injuries because the players' bodies aren't ready," he said.

Steve Bilsky, executive director of Athletics and Recreation, said the injury factor for holding a practice at midnight

was too high. From the athletic standpoint it was made clear that no basketball practice would be held, he said. McKeown said he generally supported the idea of having a Midnight Madness. He said it was a successful event when he coached at the University of Oklahoma and participated in a Midnight Madness at GW in 1990.

"I'm disappointed we're not having Midnight Madness, but I understand the reasoning. I hope the students' zest is not dampened," he said.

-Sports Editor Deanna Reiter contributed to this report.

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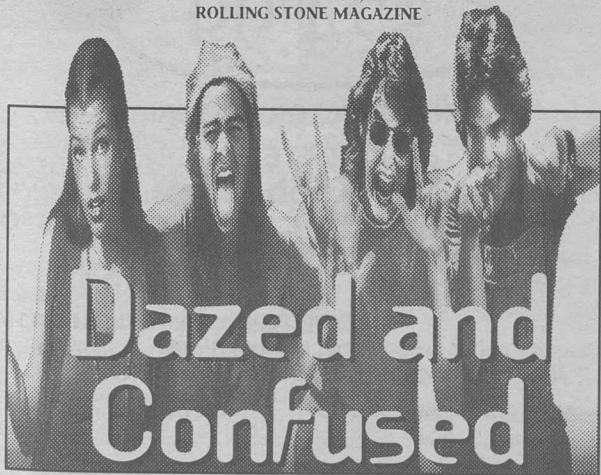
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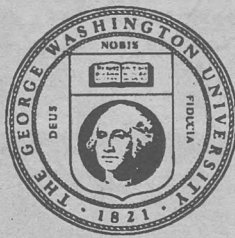
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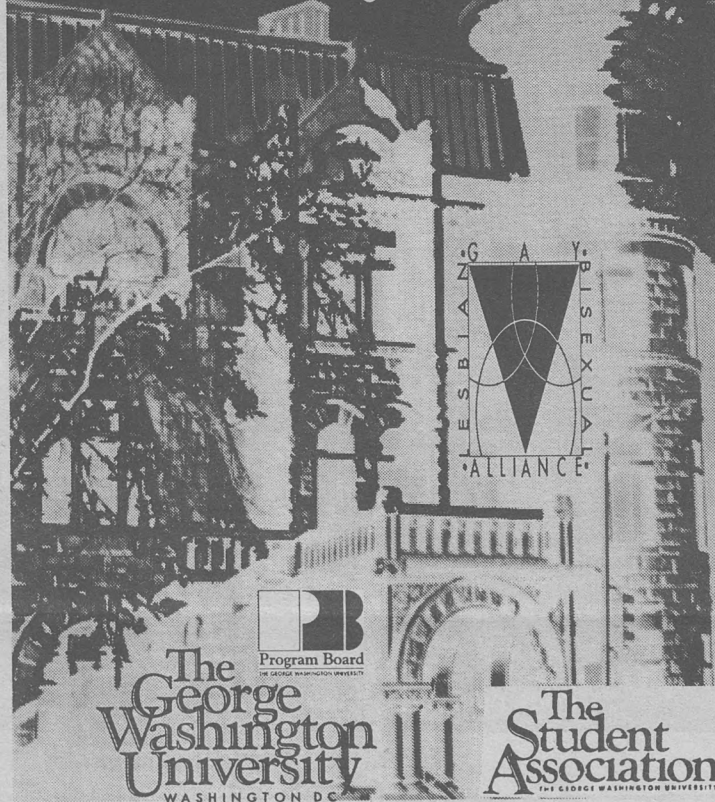
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Kelly said, however, the testimony in support of the building "failed to show why the two buildings must operate together."

Mrs. Trachtenberg disagreed with the ANC's argument that the new building is not endorsed by area residents. "Our evidence shows . . . much support (for the plan) in the community," she said.

But some residents have said they want the site to be used for additional student housing. Scott Cole, GW's associate vice president for business, said the University is "committed to building student housing" and plans to erect a residence hall at 24th and H streets as

part of the Campus Amenities Plan. Members of the zoning commission said they are also concerned about the potential for traffic, parking and crime problems. However, plan supporters said traffic would not be "significantly impacted."

Although WETA has nearly 300 employees, planners said the 100 parking spaces underground in the building will be "sufficient." Mrs. Trachtenberg said many employees have expressed a willingness to use public transportation and car pools, which will alleviate some traffic and parking problems.

She also said the new facility will not increase crime in Foggy Bottom, but will "increase security of the neighborhood."

The zoning commission will hear more testimony Thursday from parties opposing the new building before ruling on its legality.

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Matt Ferry (#5) sights his target and explodes the ball past opponents.

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Colonials shoot down AU Eagles

by Shaina Rheam
Hatchet Sports Reporter

The overcast skies above Reeves Field were not enough to discourage the GW's men's soccer team as they downed crosstown rival American University 2-0 Tuesday.

The Colonials opened up the scoring early when freshman Shon Addison ran onto a through ball from junior Moises Reyes. Addison beat American's goalkeeper one-on-one at 5:26 to shoot the ball into an open net.



Men's Soccer

Junior Marcelo Valencia, the second highest scorer this season with seven goals, capped the win with his sixth successful goal from a penalty kick at 61:20. The penalty kick was awarded when senior Derk Droze was taken down in the penalty box by Eagle defender Dominic Lewis.

Although the Colonials were outshot 7-9, they held onto the lead to preserve a shutout. "That American outshot us by only two goals doesn't matter," Addison said. "We've been outshooting teams all season. He said only the goals that go in

really count, and added that "our win was a result of everyone playing their roles correctly."

"You can't really go by shots," Valencia said. "It was a team effort where we dominated the game. Our defense really played well in containing their forwards, and Robert (Christian) had a good game in goal."

Droze and Addison each had three shot attempts on goal. Valencia had one. Senior goalkeeper Christian made three saves and got his third consecutive shutout of the season. "The rest (from goal) has done him good," head coach George Lidster said. "He's regained his confidence and (has) come back with three great performances."

A yellow card was given to senior Seth Morrison at 34:20. The win improves GW's record to 7-9-1 on the season. The Colonials have picked up their play by winning six of their last eight games. "We just worked hard at all our deficiencies and we're now putting together a good game," Lidster said.

The team next plays Atlantic 10 foe West Virginia University at Francis Field Saturday to finish out its regular season. "We have to win," Valencia said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

• Former GW men's basketball player Sonni Holland recently signed on to play professional basketball for Maccabi Jerusalem in the first division of the Israeli National Basketball League. Holland scored 29 points and made 16 rebounds in his debut game Oct. 20.

• In this year's edition of the basketball preview magazine *Street and Smith's*, the GW men's basketball team was ranked 23rd in the nation, while the women's team earned the 17th spot overall.

Individual Colonials also received honors. Yinka Dare made the third team All-American. Darlene Saar and Debbie Hemery were named honorable mention All-American.

• The GW Navy ROTC sail team placed third at the Fall 1993 Invitational Regatta held Oct. 8 to 10 at the Anacostia Naval Station Marina. The University of Virginia finished first to win the majestic cup, followed by Cornell University.

• The GW men's squash team beat Georgetown University 6-3 Oct. 24. GW lost the first two matches, as well as the fourth match, but was able to pick up the pieces. The team bounced back and won the other six matches.

Charles F. Elliot, the men's intercollegiate squash coach, cited sophomore Sunny Sandhu and senior Ken Fisher as key players for the match.

-Deanna Reiter

GW swings to third in ECAC tourney

by Dave Larimer
Hatchet Sports Reporter

The GW women's tennis team swung to a strong third place finish at the East Coast Athletic Conference Championships at West Virginia University over the weekend.



Women's Tennis

GW finished with a total of 22 points, only seven-and-a-half points behind tournament champion Cornell University and one point behind the runner-up, James Madison University. Other participants in the eight-team field included University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, Yale University and University of West Virginia.

Highlights were provided by the doubles team of Karina Ramirez and Lisa Shafran, who breezed through their doubles bracket and took the championship (6-3, 6-2) over Kristen Downing and Hope McGratty of Seton Hall.

"The competition was pretty tough. We had a good shot of playing well and I think everyone did well," Shafran said.

In individual competition, Shafran again came up big for the Colonial Women, placing second in the first singles bracket. Shannon Cain also found a second place finish in the sixth singles bracket. After losing in their opening singles matches, both Ramirez and Ellen Novoseletsky tore through their respective consolation brackets to come up with consolation championships.

The women's tennis team competes in the ITA Rolex Northeast Regional Championships Oct. 30—Nov. 1. The men's team finds itself at the ITA Rolex Eastern Championships Nov. 5—8. The top two people will qualify for the indoor tennis national meet.

"I think this will be a good chance to show GW is a top tennis team," Shafran said.

Swimmers outlasted by Rams' stamina

by Christy Andrychowski
Hatchet Sports Writer

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams fell short of victory Friday against nationally recognized University of Virginia.

The women's team exerted great effort, but lost to UVA, 147-88. The men's team also fell to UVA, 151-87.

Swimming

The only double winner for the Colonial women was Bambi Bowman. Bowman took first in the 200-yard freestyle event and 500-yard freestyle event. "I don't think that UVA was expecting us to be as good as we were. It's exciting to be doing well so early," Bowman said.

"We did well against UVA. We have a lot of depth on our team. UVA had more," teammate Erin Johnson said.

Tuba Guvelioglu took first in the 200-yard breaststroke event. Women's diver Lisa Bassinder took third in both the one- and three-meter diving competitions.

For the men's team, Brendt Garlick was a double winner for the Colonials.

Garlick posted firsts in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle swims. "I was happy to do that well against UVA, although I wanted to swim faster," Garlick said.

GW placed first and second in the 200-yard breaststroke event. Jack Thomas took first followed by teammate Tim Benson.

Junior Chris Scuderi placed first in the 50-yard freestyle and second in the 200-yard backstroke.

In the one-meter diving competition, Harry Nicholakis and Charles Davis, took second and third, respectively. Three-meter competition saw GW take second with Davis and third with Nicholakis.

"We had a lot of great races. UVA's quality and depth is what gave them the edge. We have never swam against them before, and we gave them a good run. I'm pretty happy. It was a good meet," head swimming coach Bob Hassett said.

The Colonials host the Washington Metro Relays at the Smith Center Friday. Eight area schools, including American University and the University of Maryland, will compete in the relay meet, which begins at 5:15 p.m.

Volleyball squeezes through Hoya match

Strikers use team depth, serving power

by Jared Sher
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW women's volleyball team survived a lackluster performance to overcome resilient crosstown foe Georgetown University Wednesday (15-9, 15-5, 16-14) in a match that saw scoring spurts on both sides.

Volleyball

Solid service, one of the team's main assets, pulled GW (16-7) through an otherwise diversion from their recent excellent play. With a season-high 13 service aces, the Colonial Women were able to score in a match characterized by a lack of intensity, head coach Susie Homan said.

"There weren't many points earned in this match, except when we served," Homan said. "We made good plays only when we needed to. We were not attacking, and we need to go after it every time out."

The Colonial Women also took advantage of their team depth, as Homan utilized key players off the bench in order to maximize the team's performance. Freshman Anna Krimmel made her first collegiate start on the front line. Brenda Paz Soldan also came off the sidelines to serve for GW.

The match saw points scored in blocks, with the Hoyas jumping ahead in game one against the slow Colonial Women 9-5. GW, however, scrambled back behind the leadership of Stefanie Francis. The Colonial Women scored 10 consecutive points to turn things around and pick up momentum.

Game two saw GW jump ahead 4-0, only to have Georgetown tie it before the front line took over. GW's net play

sparkled, with Krimmel, Liu Li and Svetlana Vtyurina combining to frustrate the smaller Hoyas. GW won the set with relative ease.

Finally, in the third game, the Colonial Women fell back into the rut that plagued them earlier. They dropped behind 4-0 and eventually 8-5, but back-to-back service aces by Vtyurina and Liz Martin brought GW back.

They did take a 13-9 lead but could not put the game away. The Hoyas scrambled back to earn two game-point opportunities but were turned away. Ultimately, Liu served three straight points to clinch the victory for the Colonial Women.

GW next takes on St. Bonaventure Friday at the Smith Center then meets West Virginia and Duquesne Saturday.

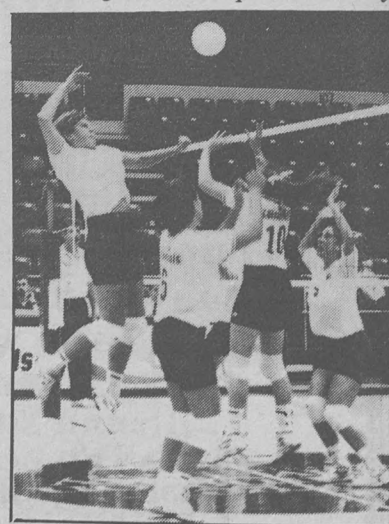


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Svetlana Vtyurina executes a kill.

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